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LETTER REGARDING CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS

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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application:

<u>Appl. No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
10/854,411	05/26/2004	2612

Below is a list of references which have been cited in the aforementioned co-pending application by the applicant and/or the USPTO.

<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Name of Patentee or Applicant</u>
US 5,594,411	01-1997	Ono, Masao
US 5,730,243	03-1998	Koike et al.
US 5,972,299	10-26-1999	Huang et al.
JP 06-092281	04-05-1994	Suzuki
JP 07-324533	12-12-1995	Yuhshin Co., Ltd.
JP 11-334665	12-07-1999	IIC:KK
JP 2001-349117	12-21-2001	Nissan Motor Co.

☐ The subject matter contained in the above line-listed co-pending U.S. applications may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

☐ Copies of cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification, claims, and the drawings) or copies of the portion(s) of the application(s) which caused it(then) to be cited, including any claims directed to such portion(s) are attached hereto.

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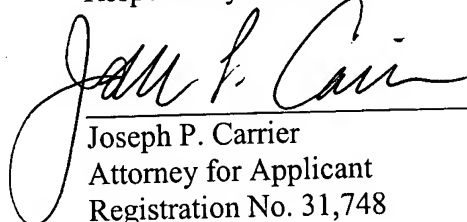
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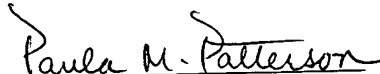
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